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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 12, 1998

MOTION TO REJECT AND PETITION OF
PAYTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
PEOPLES TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.
PHON TEL TECHNOLOGIES, INC., AND
COMMUNICATIONS CENTRAL, INC.

CASE NO. PUC970029

For rejection of and investigation
of tariffs filed by Virginia local
exchange carriers pursuant to
§ 276 of the Telecommunications Act
of 1996

ORDER AUTHORIZING INTERIM RATE REDUCTIONS
BY BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

On December 30, 1997, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA")
filed tariff revisions that would reduce the rates for two
optional features for pay telephone lines.¹ The first reduced the
rate for line side answer supervision from \$1.50 to \$0.15 per
month and the second eliminated the charge for call screening,
which had been priced at \$1.50 per month. BA-VA proposed that the
effective date for these rate reductions would be January 6, 1998.

In accordance with the Commission's order of March 28, 1997,
which established this case, the Commission has determined that
these revised rates may continue in effect subject to

¹ BA-VA's transmittal letter stated that credits will be provided to customers
back to April 15, 1997.

investigation and refund in the event the Commission determines that different rates should have been imposed. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:.

(1) BA-VA's rate reductions which went into effect on January 6, 1998, may continue in effect on an interim basis subject to investigation and refund if the Commission determines that different rates should be imposed.

(2) BA-VA shall maintain detailed billing accounts for the interim rates authorized to take effect. Such accounts shall be used to rebill customers if the Commission ultimately approves different rates.